



Inquiry into facilities for Defence's air warfare destroyers.

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the air warfare destroyer ship sustainment facilities project proposed by the Department of Defence.

The project proposes to provide permanent training, systems support and maintenance facilities, and berthing infrastructure in order to sustain air warfare destroyer capability and support the mounting of air warfare destroyer operations. The new Hobart Class destroyers will be based at the Garden Island Defence Precinct in Sydney.

The estimated cost of the project is \$109.9 million. Construction is expected to be complete by late 2015.

The Committee's Chair, Kirsten Livermore MP, said the Committee will conduct an inspection and public hearing for the project in April 2012.

"This project will see the establishment of important facilities that will support one of the world's most capable all-purpose warships, the new Hobart Class destroyers. The project will ensure that an affordable, effective, flexible and sustainable air defence capability is delivered for the Australian Government," Ms Livermore said.

Full details on the proposal are available on the Committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/pwc

Submissions to the inquiry close on Thursday 18 April 2013.

Details of the public hearing program will be announced soon.

NB the Public Works Committee is neither involved in the tendering process nor the awarding of contracts. Enquiries on those matters should be addressed to the Department of Defence.

For interview: Contact the Chair's office on (07) 4922 6604.

For further information, including how to make a submission, the public hearing times, and copies of submissions when they become available, please visit the Committee website <http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc> or contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4636.